

TAPPANNOCK TIPS.

PEOPLE WORKING TO CUT DOWN
THEIR EXPENSES.

Marriages Expected to Take Place.

Handsome Buildings Being Erected—A Sad Home-Coming—As to the
Governorship.

TAPPANNOCK, VA., December 7.—(Special)—The preparations made by a number of our people to gather ice were rendered nugatory by the thaw that set in on the 5th. More ice-houses will be built, if the season permits, than for many years. All the old houses have been prepared, and one or two new ones constructed.

The effect of the scarcity of money is thus shown, our people intending to provide everything at home that will save the expenditure of a dollar in money. The same thing is exemplified in the limited supply of coal laid in for the winter. A good many, who formerly burned coal, have determined to go back to wood, as it is cheaper.

Dame Rumor says that Hon. Thomas E. Blakey is to wed on the 15th. The bride-elect is a daughter of an old and influential citizen of our county, whose charming personality has made her deeply popular wherever known.

A similar report is current concerning another of our men by bachelor friends. One of the several new houses going up tends to lend a color of probability to the rumor.

HANDSOME BUILDINGS.

Three handsome residences, all after the modern style of architecture, and each giving evidence of taste on the part of the builders and owners, are in progress in Tappannoch; and yet another, a short distance beyond the corporate limits. There is no finer building here than the new colored Baptist church just finished, and it would be a credit to any community. The financial arrangements for the same were intended to be made by Mr. H. H. Basby, who secured the man necessary for completing the building, according to the original plans of the architect.

Hon. Thomas Croxton is quite unwell, his son, Robert, is temporarily with him. We are always glad to see "Bob," and regret that his home-coming this time should be under such distressing circumstances, as must be the case, in view of the recent death of his mother and the indisposition of his father.

Mr. Andrew Jones was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago, but I am glad to report him steadily improving under the skilful attention of Dr. Jeffries.

Judge T. R. R. Wright is back again from his duties on his circuit, and also from a flying visit to King and Queen. The Judge is looking the picture of health.

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

The suggestions as to the next nominee for the governorship are frequent topics of conversation here now, and the columns of the Dispatch are scanned daily for the latest names. It is being brought forward, that of one person, however, it is absolutely certain that if Hon. J. Taylor Ellison should be the nominee of the party he would receive the hearty support of the entire Democracy of Essex, and I believe, of Tidewater. His conduct of party affairs in the last canvass has made him hosts to strong friends here and elsewhere. Any individual or any party that founds itself upon a division of the Democratic party in the State of Virginia is either badly informed as to the situation, or politically blind.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Phi Beta Kappa—Programme for the Annual Celebration.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 7.—(Special)—There was a meeting Saturday night at the charming home of Professor Charles E. Bishop of the members of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. After the business of the order had been disposed of the members were handsomely entertained by the Professor and Mrs. Bishop. Besides the election of many new members, it was decided to present Col. Thomas Thaworth Brewster of Cambridge, Mass., would deliver a poem on the night of February 19th, when the annual celebration takes place, and that an address would be delivered by Bishop A. M. Randolph.

SPECIAL DECORATIONS.

The celebration will be held in the college chapel, which will be specially decorated for the occasion. After the literary exercises are over a collection will be served the members and their friends. It is expected that many of the non-resident members of the chapter will come to the celebration.

PERSONAL.

Professor William G. Jones of Richmond, and Robert C. Hughes of Norfolk were here yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Minor, daughter of the late John B. Minor, of the University, and Mrs. Maury, daughter of General Dabney H. Maury, of Richmond, were among the visitors who registered at the college library to-day. They were accompanied by Miss Cora B. Smith, sister of Judge Sweeny Smith.

A silver tea will be given at the residence of Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler Wednesday night. There will be in fancy dress twelve young ladies and twelve gentlemen, each representing some literary or historical character. An admission fee will be charged, the proceeds to go to the King's Daughters.

Newport News Elks.

NEWPORT NEWS, DECEMBER 7.—(Special)—Newport News Lodge, No. 315, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, held its annual lodge of sorrow at Johnson's Opera House Sunday afternoon in memory of the departed bretheren. Mr. A. L. Lovett, Hubbard, who died in the early part of January last. An audience that numbered fully 300 representative people witnessed the solemn and impressive ceremony.

Organize a Church.

EMPHORIA, VA., December 7.—(Special)—There never has been a Presbyterian church in this town, but I learn a move will be made next Sunday to organize one. There are several Presbyterians in and around town, and it is thought the movement will meet with success.

Two Men Drowned.

ONANCOCK, VA., December 7.—(Special)—Information has reached here that Bernard Riley and a colored man, whose name cannot be ascertained, were drowned last week in the Potomac river. Riley was about 25 years old, and was

NEW YORK Dry-Goods Market.

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and by reports that a decision in the New Jersey courts affecting the charter of the company would be rendered shortly.

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